RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any understanding as regards the post or the pay to be offered to the candidate who has been selected by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is he bound to accept any post on any amount of pay?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

Punishment of Excise Inspectors.

34. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any Excise Inspector was punished departmentally or otherwise during 1111; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such Inspectors, the offences done by each, the nature of the enquiry and the punishment in each case?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes. Five Inspectors were punished by Government in 1111.

(*b*) *A statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Volunteers in the Anchal Department.

35. *MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing by caste the number of volunteering clerks and Anchal men in the Anchal Department?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

† A statement is laid on the table.

The Chittar Road.

36. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answers given to question No. 39 at the Eighth Session of the First Assembly answered on the 29th July 1936, that an estimate for the completion of the incomplete portion of the above road has been under preparation in the Chief Engineer's Office, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the estimate that was under preparation in the Chief Engineer's Office has been completed;

(*b*) whether it was submitted to Government;

(*c*) when it was submitted;

(*d*) if not yet submitted, why it is being delayed; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that the completion of the road is very urgent?

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† *Vide* Appendix III—page 120.

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In July 1936.

(*d*) This does not arise.

(*e*) No.

Importation of Ganja.

37. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity and value of ganja imported during the years 1109, 1110 and 1111?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): A * statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from Government whether it is a fact that the ganja brought down from Madras is of a very inferior quality?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No, Sir. The quality is good.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know, Sir, who is the officer responsible for selecting and purchasing ganja?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): One of the Inspectors is deputed for this.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know, Sir, whether these officers hold any special skill or knowledge in the line?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No special skill or knowledge is required to select good ganja from bad. These officers are well experienced in the line.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know, Sir, whether it is not an additional unnecessary expenditure to depute an officer to Madras for this purpose?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Good ganja should be selected and the stuff should be taken proper care of in transit.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from Government the cost of the commodity brought down from Madras during 1111?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I claim notice, Sir.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from Government whether there was not a fall in the consumption in 1111 compared with 1110?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There was a fall.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): If there was a fall may I know from Government what was the reason for that?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Mainly due to economic depression. It is also due to the fact that the number of people who use Ganja is dwindling.

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